

CURRICULAR PROPOSAL 2009-2010

Department of Communication & Theatre

ACTION ITEMS/SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

I. List of Proposals:

- Proposal 1:** To add COM492 Independent Study (1-3 units)
Independent investigation, under the direct supervision of a faculty member, of a specific issue relevant to the study of communication.
- Proposal 2:** To add COM492 to the MOCM requirements list in which a student must currently take one of the following: COM390, COM450, COM490. This proposal will increase the list to 4 options for meeting this requirement.

II. Proposals with Rationale:

- Proposal 1:** To add COM492 Independent Study (1-3 units)
Independent investigation, under the direct supervision of a faculty member, of a specific issue relevant to the study of communication.

Rationale: This added option brings our department in line with the practices of most other PLNU departments. It affords faculty and students greater flexibility and is a recommendation from our new Dean, Dr. Fulcher.

Impact: This proposal will have no impact on library resources or physical facilities. It should be processed according to the formula used for COM210/420 Practicum and COM422 Portfolio. As such, it will have no impact on faculty teaching load and minimal financial implications.

- Proposal 2:** To add COM492 to the MOCM requirements list in which a student must currently take one of the following: COM390, COM450, COM490. This proposal will increase the list to 4 options for meeting this requirement.

Rationale: Including this option increases faculty and student flexibility in satisfying all requirements for the MOCM degree.

Impact: None.

III. Syllabi and Learning Outcomes: N/A

IV. Catalog copy:

Under "Upper-Division Core Requirements", second set of option choices:

COURSE TITLE

Take one (1) course from the following:

COM 390 Introduction to Public Relations	3
COM 450 Communication Training and Development	2
COM 490 Special Studies in Communication	3
COM 492 Independent Study	1-3

V. Department Vote: Approved unanimously on October 21, 2009.

VI. Library Impact: None

VII. Technological Impact: None

VIII. Summary:

Total Course Additions: 1

Total Course Deletions: 0

Total Unit Additions: 1-3

Total Unit Deletions: 0

Staffing Impact: None, since there will not be any real increase in the number of courses or units approved but merely a change in how they are recorded.

NON ACTION OR PROCEDURAL CHANGES

I. List of Proposals

Proposal 1: Modify COM450 prerequisites to include the words "...and MOCM major OR Consent of Instructor."

II. Proposals with Rationale

Proposal 1: Modify COM450 prerequisites to include the words "...and MOCM major OR Consent of Instructor."

Prerequisites: JR or SR standing and MOCM major or Consent of Instructor.

Rationale: This course is capped at 18 students due to the performance nature of its content. Additionally, it is offered once per year at present and satisfies a requirement for the MOCM major. This added prerequisite will guarantee first choice of this class to majors who may need it to complete degree requirements.

Impact: This proposal will have no impact on library resources, physical facilities, or faculty teaching load.